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Expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a National Truck Safety Month to raise public awareness about the contributions, responsibilities, and needs of truck drivers to make the Nation's highways safer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 9, 2003

Mr. TALENT submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a National Truck Safety Month to raise public awareness about the contributions, responsibilities, and needs of truck drivers to make the Nation's highways safer.

Whereas over 2,000,000 long-haul trucks and 138,000,000 automobiles share the Nation's highways each day;

Whereas the loss of more than 5,000 lives each year in accidents involving large trucks raises important safety issues;

Whereas truck drivers, who experience more workplace fatalities than any other single occupation, are acutely aware of their responsibility to contribute to highway safety;

Whereas long-haul truckers serve vital business just-in-time delivery schedules at great personal sacrifice, including driving at all times of the day and under adverse weather, road, and delivery conditions;

Whereas the United States economy depends upon the Nation's long-haul truckers, who deliver 71 percent of the dollar value of freight hauled in the United States;

Whereas truck safety has become the highest priority of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and the Federal Government invests nearly \$200,000,000 in truck safety enforcement activities each year; and

Whereas truck drivers across the Nation have committed themselves to make June a model month for compliance with the truck safety rules: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That—

3 (1) it is the sense of Congress that there should
4 be established a National Truck Safety Month to
5 raise public awareness about the contributions, re-
6 sponsibilities, and needs of truck drivers to make the
7 Nation's highways safer; and

8 (2) Congress requests that the President issue
9 a proclamation commending all truckers for their
10 extra efforts to comply with truck safety regulations,
11 designating a month for highway safety, and calling
12 on all highway users, shippers, receivers, motor car-
13 riers, and Federal and State regulatory and law en-
14 forcement officials to support the efforts of truck

- 1 drivers to make the Nation's highways a safer place
- 2 to travel and to work.

